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of the

Medical Officer of Health

and of the

Public Health Inspector

for the year 1961

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To the Chairman and Members of the Weobley Rural
District Council

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,

In presenting the joint report of myself and Mr. Morley, I would like to draw attention to a few points.

The decline in the birth rate continues, and as can be seen from the table on page 4, this is the direct opposite of the experience throughout the country: for the last five years the national birth rate has risen every year, whereas that of Weobley R.D. has fallen every year. Curiously, I have not found this decline in the other rural districts of which I am M.O.H.; and only in Kington R.D. is the rate as low as here. It may be that these are chance findings and that future years will show a different trend, but I cannot help linking these figures with those of Mr. Morley on page 20, which shows that 20% of all houses inspected by him were unfit for habitation. A rising birth rate is associated with a young and forward-looking population, with a rising standard of living; people of this type will not live in substandard houses if they can help it.

It is, therefore, with relief that I note the decision of the Council to start building houses again, after the long period of inactivity since 1958.

I would like to thank Mr. Morley for completing much of this report, and for his help and co-operation in the past year.

G.D.K. NEEDHAM

Medical Officer of Health

STATISTICS AND VITAL STATISTICS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres)	.. .. .	49,727
Estimated mid-year home population	.. ..	5,540
Average number of persons per acre	.. ..	.11
Number of inhabited houses	.. ..	1,727
Average number of inhabited houses per acre	.. ..	.03
Average number of persons per house	.. ..	3.2
Rateable Value	.. ..	£32,435
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	.. ..	£130

LIVE AND STILL BIRTHSLive Births

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate ..	51	31	82
Illegitimate ..	4	2	6
	<u>55</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>88</u>

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957
Weobley R.D. (Crude)	15.9	16.8	18.6	19.8	23.3
" " (Adjusted)	16.7	17.6	19.5	20.8	24.5
England and Wales	17.4	17.1	16.5	16.4	16.1

Illegitimate Live Births

Per cent of total live births:

Weobley R.D. ..	6.8
England and Wales ..	5.9

Still Births

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	—	—	—
Illegitimate	—	—	—

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total live and still births:

	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957
Weobley R.D. ..	Nil	18.5	38.7	28.1	18.0
England and Wales ..	19.1	19.8	21.0	21.6	22.4

INFANT DEATH RATESEarly Neonatal MortalityDeaths of Infants under 1 week old

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	—	—	—
Illegitimate	—	—	—

Early Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births:

Weobley R.D.	..	Nil
England and Wales	..	figure not yet available

Neonatal MortalityDeaths of Infants under 4 weeks old

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births:

Weobley R.D.	..	Nil
England and Wales	..	15.5

Perinatal MortalityStill Births and Deaths of Infants under 1 week old

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Perinatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births:

Weobley R.D.	..	Nil
England and Wales	..	32.2

Infant MortalityDeaths of Infants under 1 year of age

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 related live births:

		1961	1960	1959	1958	1957
Weobley R.D.	(Total	Nil	28.3	16.1	21.7	22.2
	(Legitimate	Nil	30.0	16.9	15.7	6.5
	(Illegitimate	Nil	Nil	Nil	90.9	100.0
England & Wales	(Total	21.6	21.9	22.2	22.5	23.1
	(Legitimate	⌘	21.5	21.9	22.3	22.8
	(Illegitimate	⌘	26.4	27.4	27.8	30.0

⌘ figures not yet available

MATERNAL MORTALITY

Total number of Maternal Deaths .. Nil

Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births:

Weobley R.D. .. Nil
 England and Wales .. 3.3

DEATHS

		Males	Females	Total		
Total number of deaths from all causes:		36	28	64		
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:						
		1961	1960	1959	1958	1957
Weobley R.D. (Crude)	..	11.5	10.0	10.7	9.3	11.9
" " (Adjusted)	..	11.0	9.6	10.3	8.9	11.4
England and Wales	..	12.0	11.5	11.6	11.7	11.5

Cancer

		Males	Females	Total		
Total deaths from Malignant Disease:		9	4	13		
Cancer Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:						
		1961	1960	1959	1958	1957
Weobley R.D.	..	2.35	1.59	1.05	0.72	2.42
England and Wales	..	2.15	2.16	2.14	2.12	2.09

Cardio-Vascular Disease

		Males	Females	Total
Total deaths from Cardio-Vascular Disease:		17	12	29
Cardio-Vascular Disease Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:				

		1961	1960	1959	1958	1957
Weobley R.D.	..	5.40	5.24	6.15	5.17	5.12
England and Wales	..	6.10	6.00	5.88	6.07	5.84

Respiratory Disease (excluding Tuberculosis)

		Males	Females	Total
Total deaths from Respiratory Disease:		5	4	9

Respiratory Disease Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year
home population:

		1961	1960	1959	1958	1957
Weobley R.D.	..	1.62	1.43	1.20	1.00	0.85
England and Wales	..	1.60	1.26	1.53	1.37	1.38

CAUSES OF DEATH (all ages)

Disease	Males	Females	Total
Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	2	-	2
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	1	1
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	7	3	10
Vascular lesions of nervous system	2	8	10
Coronary disease, angina	10	1	11
Other heart disease	3	2	5
Other circulatory disease	2	1	3
Influenza	-	1	1
Pneumonia	3	2	5
Bronchitis	2	1	3
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	4	5	9
Accidents, other than motor vehicle	-	3	3
	36	28	64

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED IN THE RURAL DISTRICT OF WOBLEY DURING THE YEAR 1961

Disease	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL
Whooping Cough	-	-	6	3	3	3	7	-	-	-	-	-	22
Measles	3	13	23	23	16	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	84
Scarlet Fever	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	4
Acute Pneumonia	3	2	-	-	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	9
Acute Encephalitis: Infective	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	3
Food Poisoning	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Tuberculosis: Non-Pulmonary	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED IN NORTH HEREFORDSHIRE DURING THE YEAR 1961

Disease	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL
Whooping Cough	9	13	15	29	32	11	13	-	2	-	2	-	126
Measles	19	62	218	86	50	37	38	22	16	17	18	-	583
Scarlet Fever	-	1	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	5	1	1	11
Erysipelas	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Acute Encephalitis:													
Infective	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Acute Pneumonia	5	5	-	1	1	2	-	-	1	1	1	1	18
Dysentery	-	2	17	9	17	7	1	-	5	4	-	-	62
Food Poisoning	-	-	4	-	-	-	1	-	2	1	2	1	11
Tuberculosis:													
Pulmonary	1	1	1	2	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	-	9
Non-Pulmonary	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1

NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE - COMPARATIVE FIGURES
FOR PREVIOUS YEARS

Weobley Rural District

Disease	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957
Whooping Cough	22	18	13	11	13
Measles	84	6	85	143	107
Scarlet Fever	4	10	6	1	10
Erysipelas	-	1	-	-	1
Acute Pneumonia	9	12	8	5	16
Acute Encephalitis:					
Infective	1	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	3	43	-	-	10
Food Poisoning	1	3	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	-	-	1	1
Tuberculosis:					
Pulmonary	-	3	4	2	5
Non-Pulmonary	1	1	1	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis:					
Paralytic	-	-	-	-	1

North Herefordshire

Whooping Cough	126	70	38	39	192
Measles	583	189	388	258	144
Scarlet Fever	11	23	46	28	71
Erysipelas	3	4	4	2	7
Acute Encephalitis:					
Infective	1	3	-	-	-
Post-Infectious	-	1	-	-	-
Acute Pneumonia	18	18	33	14	49
Dysentery	62	123	3	16	38
Food Poisoning	11	39	3	5	10
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-	1	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	-	-	2	3
Tuberculosis:					
Pulmonary	9	7	13	7	33
Non-Pulmonary	2	3	2	3	4
Acute Poliomyelitis:					
Paralytic	-	-	-	-	12
Non-Paralytic	-	-	-	-	14

COMPARATIVE CASE RATES FOR CERTAIN INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Disease	North Here- fordshire	England & Wales
Whooping Cough	3.47	0.53
Measles	16.08	16.52
Scarlet Fever	0.30	0.43
Erysipelas	0.08	0.05
Acute Encephalitis:		
Infective	0.03	0.003
Acute Pneumonia	0.49	0.40
Dysentery	1.71	0.44
Food Poisoning	0.30	0.17
* Puerperal Pyrexia	1.71	0.01
Tuberculosis:		
Pulmonary	0.25	0.42
Non-Pulmonary	0.06	0.06

* per 1,000 Total (Live and Still) Births

TUBERCULOSIS

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	Males	Females	Males	Females
Number on Register at 31st December, 1960.	30	12	6	6
New cases notified	-	-	1	-
Moved out of district	3	1	-	-
Recovered	1	-	-	-
Died	1	-	-	-
Number on Register at 31st December, 1961.	25	11	7	6

TUBERCULOSIS (Continued)

Year	New Notifications	Total cases on Register	Deaths	Recoveries
1957	5	76	1	4
1958	2	71	1	2
1959	5	69	1	4
1960	4	54	1	5
1961	1	49	1	1

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948, Section 47

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951

No action needed to be taken under this section during the year.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S SECTION OF REPORT

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS AND EMPLOYMENT IN THE DISTRICT

The Rural District is situated in the North-Western portion of the County and covers an area of 49,727 acres. There are 26 parishes within the district, each with a village or hamlet forming a nucleus.

Agriculture is the major industry, the greater portion of the population being engaged either directly or indirectly with it.

Increased mechanisation of farming has, however, in recent years caused a reduction in agricultural employment with the result that an increasing number of persons are employed in other industries at either Hereford or Leominster, and travel to and fro daily.

WATER SUPPLIES

(a) Regional and Village Supplies

The Herefordshire Water Board is now the statutory water authority for the entire district, and since the transfer of the water undertaking little progress appears to have been made on the installation of further piped supplies.

It is possible too that increases in water charges may to some extent discourage potential consumers from connecting to mains where these have been provided.

WATER SUPPLIES (Continued)Water supplied from public water mains direct to houses
(including farm houses)

<u>Parish</u>	<u>No. of houses</u>	<u>Approx. Population</u>
Birley	4	12
Bishopstone	13	39
Bridge Sollers	4	12
Byford	3	9
Canon Pyon	9	27
Dilwyn	68	204
Eardisland	28	84
King's Pyon	27	81
Mansel Lacy	28	84
Monnington-on-Wye	2	6
Norton Canon	30	90
Sarnesfield	1	3
Staunton-on-Wye	52	156
Stretford	1	3
Weobley	162	486
Yazor	14	42

Water supplied from private mains

<u>Parish</u>	<u>No. of houses</u>	<u>Approx. Population</u>
Almeley	21	63
Bridge Sollers	2	6
Canon Pyon	2	6
Wormesley	8	24
Yazor	15	45

Water supplied from public mains by means of standpipes

<u>Parish</u>	<u>No. of houses</u>	<u>Approx. Population</u>
Weobley	7	21

The water supplied from these public and private mains is satisfactory in both quality and quantity.

(b) The Examination and Sampling of Water Supplies

During the year 46 samples were submitted for bacteriological examination, as follows:

	<u>Satis- factory</u>	<u>Unsatis- factory</u>	<u>Total</u>
Public supplies (chlorinated)	24	-	24
Council Houses: Bishopstone	2	-	2
Other supplies (wells, springs, and private supplies)	8	12	20
	34	12	46

WATER SUPPLIES (Continued)

Where samples proved to be unsatisfactory, occupiers were notified that water used for drinking purposes should be boiled before use.

No samples were submitted for chemical analysis during the year.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

Weobley village is the largest and so far the only village provided with public sewers and sewage disposal plant.

Revised proposals in respect of the proposed scheme for Dilwyn village were accepted by the Council towards the close of the year, and it is likely that this revised scheme will be re-submitted to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government as soon as can be arranged.

A report (Ref.LM/HMP/44/6) relating to a proposed sewage disposal scheme for the village of Canon Pyon was presented and subsequently adopted by the Water and Sewerage Committee on the 6th November, 1961. Arising out of the report, instructions were given for the preparation of a scheme for submission to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

The position at Mansel Lacy remains as previously reported; in regard to the village of Staunton-on-Wye, the possibility of acquiring an existing private sewage disposal works and its subsequent extensions to form a village scheme is shortly to be investigated.

As respects other villages, comparatively few cases of nuisance have arisen and the position is being reviewed from time to time.

Number of houses connected to public sewers:	156
Number of houses connected to satisfactory private disposal works:	447 (est)
Number of houses using chemical, pail or earth closets with satisfactory disposal:	Not known
Number of houses without satisfactory means of sewage disposal:	Not known

PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS

There are no public swimming baths in the district.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The collection of household refuse throughout the area is a service greatly appreciated by the majority of rate-payers, and during the month of June the frequency of collection was increased to once every three weeks.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL (Continued)

The disposal of household refuse after collection is still a major problem and one which the Council should constantly bear in mind because tipping facilities are most difficult to obtain.

On a previous occasion the attention of the Health Committee has been drawn to the question of adequate refuse disposal arrangements and the part a pulverisation system can play in this regard. Following receipt of a report relating to the pulverisation of household refuse, the Committee recommended that the problem of the disposal of household refuse be raised with the County Branch of the Rural District Councils Association.

The existing tip at Bidney accommodates the bulk of refuse being collected at the present time, the kind assistance of Sir Richard Verdin and Mr. W. Hall of Bidney in making the tip available is gratefully acknowledged.

Throughout the year the refuse vehicle travelled 5,660 miles on the various rounds. The estimated average mileage per gallon of fuel being 7.4

DISINFECTIONS

Terminal disinfection is carried out as requisite. Formalin gas or Sulphur dioxide being employed when appropriate.

THE PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949Rodent Control

The services of the former Pests Inspector were dispensed with on 31st December 1959, thus curtailing the routine survey of the district which had hitherto been satisfactorily undertaken.

The statutory obligations of local authorities under Section 2 of the Act have been pointed out to the Committee, and towards the close of the year it seemed probable that further consideration might be given to the question of routine survey.

A contract is in force on a monthly basis for the survey and treatment of properties owned by the Council, with the exception of Council dwellings.

The following table describes the properties dealt with and visits made during the year in connection with rodent control.

RODENT CONTROL - SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS AND TREATMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1961.

	Local Authority	Dwelling Houses	Agricul- tural	⌘ All other	TOTAL
Total no. of properties in Local Authority's district	12	1623	383	132	2150
Number of properties inspected by the Local Authority during 1961 as a result of notification	-	-	-	-	-
Number of properties inspected by the Local Authority during 1961 as a result of survey	12	-	-	-	12
Total number of visits made during 1961	73	5	-	-	78
Number of properties inspected which were found to be seriously infested with rats					
(a) Major	1	-	-	-	1
(b) Minor	6	-	-	-	6
Number of properties inspected which were found to be seriously infested with mice					
(Major)	-	-	-	-	-
(Minor)	-	-	-	-	-
Number of infested properties treated by Local Authority	7	-	-	-	7
Number of Notices served under Section 4 (Treatment)	-	-	-	-	-
(Structural works)	-	-	-	-	-
(i.e. proofing)					
Number of cases in which default action was taken by Local Authority following the issue of a notice under Section 4	-	-	-	-	-
Legal Proceedings	-	-	-	-	-
Number of block control schemes carried out	-	-	-	-	-

⌘ including business premises

SYNOPSIS OF INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT DURING THE YEAR

As required in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 20 of Article 25 of the Public Health Officers Regulations, 1959.

Inspections under:	Number	Informal Notices Served	Statutory Notices Served	Notices compl- ied with
Building Inspections and new buildings	301	-	-	-
Building Plans	132	2	-	2
Building Byelaws	6	-	-	-
Council Housing Schemes	141	-	-	-
Council House Management and Maintenance	413	-	-	-
Council House Tenancy Investigations	105	-	-	-
Drainage	9	-	-	-
Disinfection	1	-	-	-
Disinfestation	1	-	-	-
Housing (Financial Prov- isions) Act, 1958 - Discretionary Grant	14	-	-	-
House Purchase and Hou- sing Act, 1959 - Standard Grant	48	-	-	-
Establishment	3	-	-	-
Food Premises	6	-	-	-
Flood Relief	23	-	-	-
Housing Inspections	75	4	-	4
Infectious Diseases	4	-	-	-
Meat Inspection	68	-	-	-
Milk Samples	49	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	66	-	-	-
Moveable Dwellings	12	-	-	-
Milk Licences	5	-	-	-
Nuisances	32	10	-	10

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SYNOPSIS OF INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT DURING THE YEAR
(Continued)

Inspections under:	Number	Informal Notices Served	Statutory Notices Served	Notices compli- ed with
Petroleum Inspections	7	-	-	-
Public Offices	16	-	-	-
Refuse Collection and Disposal	65	-	-	-
Rodent Control	5	-	-	-
Slaughterhouses	2	-	-	-
Sewage Disposal	70	-	-	-
Valuation of Property	10	-	-	-
Water Samples	33	-	-	-
Water Supplies	49	-	-	-
TOTALS:	1,771	16	-	16

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948

There are no large factories within the rural area, and the number of persons employed in such factories as exist is quite small.

The list of factories within the rural area is as follows:

	FACTORIES		Total	Other Premises
	Mechanical Power With	Without		
Almeley	3	-	3	1
Blakemere	2	-	2	-
Byford	-	-	-	-
Canon Pyon	3	-	3	1
Dilwyn	1	-	1	1
Eardisland	1	-	1	1
Kinnersley	-	-	-	-
Moccas	1	-	1	-
Norton Canon	-	-	-	1
Preston-on-Wye	-	-	-	1
Weobley	6	-	6	1
	17	-	17	7

The "Other Premises" described in the above list of factories include workshops, such as tradesmen's premises at which no-one except the owner or owners are employed. These premises are outside the definition of "Factories" as described in the Act.

HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) ACT, 1958HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT, 1959Discretionary Improvement Grants

The Council first implemented the improvement grant scheme in 1952, since then 101 proposals have been approved, one of which being later withdrawn by the applicant. Dwellings improved under this scheme now amount to about 5.1% of all the houses within the area.

Thirteen schemes were approved by the Council during the year, nine were completed and grants paid, also a further eight applications were received, one being cancelled later.

Standard Improvement Grants

The standard improvement grant scheme has been well received, and during this year 30 applications were made 29 of which were approved, with nine completed and paid.

Since the inauguration of the scheme in 1959 some 50 proposals, amounting to about 2.5% of all the houses within the area have been approved.

HOUSING AND BUILDING DEVELOPMENT

Progress on the housing scheme at Weobley has proceeded slowly, the contractor, in common with other firms, found that progress was frequently hampered on account of labour difficulties. However, six houses and six bungalows were ready for occupation by the end of the year.

The Committee decided to proceed with a scheme for fourteen houses and six bungalows at Canon Pyon during November, also the erection of about ten houses at Bishopstone received consideration. Planning approval was obtained in respect of a site for ten houses at Staunton-on-Wye.

A summary of Council Housing Schemes is as follows:

	Comp- leted	Year	Under cons- truction	Year	Houses in preparatory stages	Year
Almeley	8 2 11	1951 1955 1956	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -
Bishopstone	2	1945	-	-	10	1961
Canon Pyon	2	1945	-	-	20	1959
Dilwyn	12 4	1953 1955	- -	- -	- -	- -
Eardisland	4 15	1954 1955	- -	- -	- -	- -

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HOUSING (Continued)Summary of Council Housing Schemes (Continued)

	Comp- leted	Year	Under cons- truction	Year	Houses in preparatory stages	Year
Norton Canon	2	1944	-	-	-	-
Staunton-on-Wye	-	-	-	-	10	1961
Weobley	14	1949	-	-	-	-
	10	1955	-	-	-	-
	22	1956	-	-	-	-
	9	1957	-	-	-	-
(Conversions)	1	1948	-	-	-	-
"	2	1952	-	-	-	-
"	5	1952	-	-	-	-
"	3	1958	-	-	-	-
Bungalows	6	1961				
Houses	6	1961	20	1961	-	-
	140		20		40	

PRIVATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Nineteen new private dwellings were completed during the year and the construction of a further thirteen was started.

Wherever possible the utmost assistance has been given by the staff to promote private building.

RURAL HOUSING SURVEY

There are some 1,864 houses within the district, and of the 494 so far surveyed, approximately 19.2% have been classified as unfit for habitation, and 29.7% as requiring repair, structural alterations or improvements (Category 5)

The table describing the position in regard to the number of houses so far surveyed is given opposite, and the classification is as follows:

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| Category | 1. | Satisfactory in all respects. |
| " | 2. | Houses with minor defects. |
| " | 3. | Houses requiring repair, structural alterations or improvements. |
| " | 4. | Houses which are considered appropriate for reconditioning. |
| " | 5. | Houses which are considered to be unfit for habitation and beyond repairs at reasonable expense. |

RURAL HOUSING SURVEY (Continued)

Parish	No. of Houses	Houses Surveyed	Houses in each category				
			1	2	3	4	5
Almeley	164	57	30	5	13	2	7
Birley	46	2	1	-	1	-	-
Bishopstone	54	6	5	-	-	-	1
Blakemere	30	2	-	-	1	-	1
Bridge Sollers	13	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brinsop	35	7	-	2	3	-	2
Brobury	10	2	-	-	2	-	-
Byford	39	-	-	-	-	-	-
Canon Pyon	173	18	7	3	3	-	5
Dilwyn	250	21	6	5	8	-	2
Eardisland	161	7	3	1	3	-	-
King's Pyon	94	26	13	1	1	-	11
Kinnersley	68	5	3	2	-	-	-
Letton	29	1	-	-	-	-	1
Mansel Gamage	20	6	5	-	-	-	1
Mansel Lacy	46	3	1	-	1	-	1
Moccas	38	1	-	-	1	-	-
Monnington-on-Wye	19	19	1	5	8	-	5
Norton Canon	73	6	4	-	-	-	2
Preston-on-Wye	51	3	-	1	-	-	2
Sarnesfield	23	-	-	-	-	-	-
Staunton-on-Wye	113	113	29	12	47	1	24
Stretford	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Weobley	253	186	83	17	53	3	30
Wormesley	12	1	-	1	-	-	-
Yazor	44	2	-	-	2	-	-
	1,864	494	191	55	147	6	95

BUILDING PLANS

A total of 182 applications were dealt with during the year, as follows:

Plans and particulars relating to:

Private garages	.. .. .	14
Alterations, additions and improvements	..	41
Drainage systems	.. .. .	11
Advertisement signs	.. .. .	1
Private houses	.. .. .	35
Overhead lines for M.E.B.	.. .. .	22
Petrol filling stations and pumps	.. .. .	1
Accesses	.. .. .	2
Sites for private dwellings	.. .. .	28
Farm buildings	.. .. .	10
Sites for moveable dwellings	.. .. .	8
Conversion of buildings	.. .. .	1
Council housing schemes	.. .. .	2
Change of use of building	.. .. .	1
Erection of Village Hall	.. .. .	1
School sanitary block	.. .. .	1
Cricket pavilion	1
Satellite camera	1
Erection of Ag. Engineer's workshop	1

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STORAGE OF PETROLEUM SPIRIT AND CARBIDE

At the end of the year petrol storage capacity amounted to 22,850 gallons.

There are six petrol filling stations and thirty-six private storage tanks licenced for the storage of petroleum spirit.

No licences were issued during the year for the storage of carbide.

HOP PICKER'S DWELLINGS

The introduction of machinery for hop-picking has meant that local labour has largely satisfied the demands on smaller farms, thus very few dwellings were used during the season.

Number of farms having accommodation for pickers .. 1

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

The control of milk supplies is administered by the National Agricultural Advisory Service.

Six inspections of food premises have been made in connection with Food Hygiene Regulations. Inspections in the course of other duties have been undertaken from time to time.

SCHOOL MILK

By arrangement with the County Council, samples of milk are obtained and submitted for bacteriological examination and also for biological examination.

Number of bacteriological samples taken .. 37

Two less samples of milk were submitted for examination this year than in 1960.

SLAUGHTER HOUSES AND BUTCHER'S SHOPS

There are two private slaughter houses in the district, both of which have been regularly used during the year. The improvement of both establishments has been considered by the Council and the necessary work is expected to be undertaken in the near future.

During the year 101 beasts, 1 calf, 112 sheep, 308 lambs, and 66 pigs were slaughtered at the two establishments, and after inspection the following meat was considered to be unfit for human consumption and was voluntarily surrendered:-

18 Bovine livers, 4 sheep's livers, 2 lamb's left hind quarters, 1 lamb's head, 1 lamb's carcass, 7 pig's heads, 1 sheep's shoulder and fore quarter, and 1 sheep's lungs.

By comparison with 1960, slightly less animals were slaughtered in the area - 4.2% less.

100% inspection of all carcasses and organs has been maintained, although as in previous years, this has frequently meant the working of extra time, outside normal working hours.

THE MANUFACTURE AND SALE OF ICE-CREAM

There are no ice-cream manufacturing premises in the area, all ice-cream sold is obtained in pre-packed wrappers from reputable manufacturers and stored in refrigerator containers prior to sale.

No further premises were registered for the storage and sale of ice-cream under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, Section 16. There is now a total of 27 registered premises.

No samples were submitted for laboratory examination.

FOOD PREMISES

The list of food premises within the district is as follows:

Butcher's shops	3	Snack Bars	1
Grocer's shops	22	School canteens	2
Inns and Hotels	21	Cafes	1

There are also a number of smaller shops which sell sundry items of food and sweets, chiefly in pre-packed wrappers.

